

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 are amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, and 13 were objected to; Claims 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Park (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. U.S. 2002/0079827 A1); Claims 1-3, 6, and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park in view of Lee (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0146699 A1, herein "Lee '699"); Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park in view of Lee '699 and Amemiya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,742,122, herein "Amemiya"); Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park in view of Lee '699 and Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,583,554 B2, herein "Lee '554"); Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park in view of Lee '699 and Arimoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,674,061 B1); and Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park in view of Arimoto.

Applicants thank Examiners Rielley and Santiago for the courtesy of an interview extended to Applicants' representative on August 16, 2005. During the interview, the differences between the claims and the applied art were discussed. Examiners Rielley and Santiago indicated that the discussed claim amendments overcome the outstanding rejections. Arguments presented during the interview are reiterated below.

Regarding the objection to Claims 1, 2, and 13, Claims 1, 2, and 13 have been amended to clarify the language considered by the outstanding Office Action as unclear. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Park, independent Claim 12 has been amended to recite first to fourth clearances, to better define a discharge space as being formed by sidewalls, the first substrate, and the second substrate, and to recite that at least two second electrodes are inside the discharged space. The claim amendments find support in Figure 1 and its corresponding description in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Briefly recapitulating, independent Claim 12 is directed to a discharge light-emitting device that includes, *inter alia*, a transparent first substrate, at least two first electrodes formed on the first substrate, a transparent second substrate, at least two second electrodes formed on the second substrate, and sidewalls that form a discharge space with the first substrate and the second substrate. The at least two second electrodes are inside the discharge space.

In a non-limiting example, Figure 1 shows the first substrate 22, the at least two first electrodes 26a and 26b, the second substrate 23, the at least two second electrodes 28a and 28b, and the sidewalls 24. The at least two second electrodes 28a and 28b are formed inside the discharge space.

Turning to the applied art, Park shows in Figure 8E a flat luminescent lamp having multiple discharge spaces separated from each other, each discharge space having one first electrode 33a formed on a first substrate 31a and one second electrode 33 formed on a second substrate 31. However, as agreed during the interview, Park does not teach or suggest having at least two second electrodes inside the discharge space.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 12 and dependent Claim 13 patentably distinguish over Park.

Regarding the remaining rejections of Claims 1-11 and 14-16 under various combinations of Park, Lee '699, Amemiya, Lee '544, and Arimoto, independent Claims 1

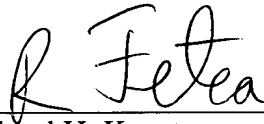
and 14 have been amended similar to Claim 12 discussed above. In addition, the additional applied art has been considered but as discussed during the interview, none of the additional applied art cures the deficiencies of Park.

Accordingly, for the above discussed reasons regarding Claim 12, Claims 1-11 and 14-16 are believed to also be allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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